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SUBJECT: TURKISH AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HARTMAN -- MAY 29 UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. AMB ESENBEL CALLED ON ASST SEC HARTMAN MAY 10 ON
INSTRUCTIONS TO DISCUSS SCHEDULED MAY 29 SC MEETING ON
UNFICYP (ANOTHER SUBJECT REPORTED SEPTEL). ESENBEL SAID
THAT HERETOFORE SC MEETINGS HELD AT SIX MONTH INTERVALS
HAVE BEEN ROUTINE, WITH SC SIMPLY EXTENDING UNFICYP MANDATE
FOR ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS. HE SAID GOT, NOTING THAT
GREEK-CYPRIOTS ARE DELAYING RESUMPTION OF CYPRUS INTER-
COMMUNAL TALKS, WONDERS WHETHER GREEKS MAY SEEK TO USE
FORTHCOMING SC MEETING TO TRY TO CHANGE NATURE OF TALKS
"AS AGREED TO IN 1972" (SIC). ESENBEL RECALLED THAT IN
1972 ALL PARTIES AGREED THAT TALKS WOULD GO FORWARD WITH
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ASSISTANCE OF AN SYG REP AND CONSTITUTIONAL ADVISORS FROM

GREECE AND TURKEY. HE SAID SYG'S AIDE-MEMOIRE OF MAY 18, 1972 OUTLINED THAT CONSENSUS. GOT BELIEVES TALKS SHOULD NOW BE CONTINUED ON SAME BASIS. IF GREEK SIDE USES SC MEETING AS PLATFORM TO ATTEMPT TO CHANGE NATURE OR SCOPE OF TALKS, GOT WOULD NOT AGREE TO TALKS' RESUMPTION. CONSEQUENCE MIGHT WELL BE A WORSENING OF COMMUNAL ATMOSPHERE IN CYPRUS. ESENBEL SAID GOT BELIEVES IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR SC MEETING TO "GET CAUGHT UP IN SEMANTICS -- THAT IS, WHETHER WE ARE TALKING ABOUT UNITARY OR FEDERAL CYPRUS OR WHATEVER." GOT IS SUGGESTING TO U.S.

AND OTHER "FRIENDS" THAT MAY 29 MEETING PROCEED ON USUAL ROUTINE BASIS, WITH SC EXTENDING UNFICYP MANDATE BY SIX MONTHS. THERE SHOULD BE NO ATTEMPT TO DEFINE OR EXPLORE THE SCOPE AND SUBSTANCE OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

2. HARTMAN SAID U.S. HOPES THAT TALKS WILL RESUME AND INDICATED WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT ANY OF PARTIES WILL SEEK TO USE MAY 29 MEETING IN WAY FEARED BY GOT. DILLON (ALSO PRESENT FOR EUR) SAID U.S. POSITION CONTINUES TO BE THAT TALKS SHOULD GO FORWARD ON BASIS OF "SINGLE, SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT" CYPRUS. NOTING THAT U.S. ALSO BELIEVES IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF PARTIES TO TALKS BECAME ENMESHED IN SEMANTICS, HE RECALLED THAT GREEK-CYPRIOTS CLAIM THAT SEMANTICS DISPUTE OF RECENT WEEKS AROSE BECAUSE OF STATEMENTS EMANATING FROM ANKARA REGARDING DESIRABILITY OF A "FEDERATION" FOR CYPRUS. HARTMAN REPEATED THAT MAIN THING IS TO GET TALKS GOING AGAIN. RUSH

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